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(vii) Section 109 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9609), with respect to the assessment of civil penalties for violations of section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), and the granting of awards to individuals providing information;

(viii) Section 111(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9611(f)), with respect to the designation of officials who may obligate money in the Hazardous Substances Superfund;

(ix) Section 113(k) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9613(k)), with respect to establishing an administrative record upon which to base the selection of a response action and identifying and notifying potentially responsible parties;

(x) Section 116(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9616(a)), with respect to preliminary assessment and site inspection of facilities;

(xi) Sections 117 (a) and (c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9617 (a) and (c)), with respect to public participation in the preparation of any plan for remedial action and explanation of variances from the final remedial action plan for any remedial action or enforcement action, including any settlement or consent decree entered into;

(xii) Section 119 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9619), with respect to indemnifying response action contractors;

(xiii) Section 121 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9621), with respect to cleanup standards; and

(xiv) Section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), with respect to settlements, but excluding section 122(b)(1) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622(b)(1)), related to mixed funding agreements.

(7) With respect to facilities and activities under his or her authority, to exercise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 1-102 related to compliance with applicable pollution control standards and section 1-601 of Executive Order 12088, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 243, to enter into an inter-agency agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or an administrative consent order or a consent judgment in an appropriate State, interstate, or local agency, containing a plan and schedule to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable pollution control standards established pursuant to the following:

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(i) Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as further amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, and the Federal Facility Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*);

(ii) Federal Water Pollution Prevention and Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*);

(iii) Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*);

(iv) Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*);

(v) Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4901 *et seq.*);

(vi) Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*);

(vii) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*); and

(viii) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*).

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart O—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations

§ 2.83 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

Pursuant to § 2.23, and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Assistant Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Assistant Secretary: Perform all duties and exercise all powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

§ 2.85 Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.23, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations:

(1) Exercise responsibility for coordination of all congressional matters in the Department.

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(2) Maintain liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative matters of concern to the Department.

(3) Coordinate all programs involving intergovernmental affairs including State and local government relations and liaison with:

- (i) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture;
 - (ii) Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Vice President);
 - (iii) Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations;
 - (iv) Council of State Governments;
 - (v) National Governors Conference;
 - (vi) National Association of Counties;
 - (vii) National League of Cities;
 - (viii) International City Managers Association;
 - (ix) U.S. Conference of Mayors; and
 - (x) Such other State and Federal agencies, departments and organizations as are necessary in carrying out the responsibilities of this office.
- (4) Maintain oversight of the activities of USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional councils.
- (5) Serve as the USDA contact with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for implementation of OMB Circular A-85 to provide advance notification to state and local governments of proposed changes in Department programs that affect such governments.
- (6) Act as the department representative for Federal executive board matters.
- (b) [Reserved]

[60 FR 56393, Nov. 8, 1995, as amended at 68 FR 27447, May 20, 2003]

Subpart P—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Administration

§ 2.87 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration shall be the USDA Designated Agency Ethics Official and shall exercise all authority pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638.

(b) Pursuant to § 2.24(a), subject, to reservations in § 2.24(b), the following

delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Assistant Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

[67 FR 65690, Oct. 28, 2002]

§ 2.88 Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.24 (a)(3), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization:

(1) The Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, has specific responsibilities under the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 644(k). These duties include being responsible for the following:

(i) Administering the Department's small and disadvantaged business activities related to procurement contracts, minority bank deposits, and grants and loan activities affecting small and minority businesses including women-owned business, and the small business, small minority business, and small women-owned business subcontracting programs;

(ii) Providing Departmentwide liaison and coordination of activities related to small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses with the Small Business Administration and others in public and private sector;

(iii) Developing policies and procedures required by the applicable provision of the Small Business Act, as amended, to include the establishment of goals; and

(iv) Implementing and administering programs described under sections 8 and 15 of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637 and 644).

(b) [Reserved]

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